

California IHS Environmental Health Services

The Division of Environmental Health provides services related to food safety, water quality, waste control, injury prevention, industrial hygiene, and institutional environmental health.

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- Specialized Services
- Bingo/Casino Environmental Surveys
 - Code and Ordinance Development
 - Disaster Response
 - Disease Outbreak Investigation
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Fire Drill and Response Assistance
 - Food Warehouse Surveys
 - Food Service Training and Surveys
 - Foodborne Outbreak Investigation
 - Grant Assistance
 - HazMat Technical Assistance
 - Head Start and Day Care Surveys
 - Infection Control in Clinics
 - Injury Cluster Site Evaluation
 - JCAHO Survey Preparation
 - NFPA Regulation Interpretation
 - Occupational Exposure Monitoring
 - OSHA Regulation Compliance
 - Rodent Control Technical Assistance
 - Septic System Investigation
 - Solid Waste Remediation
 - Tuberculosis Transmission Prevention
 - Water System Technical Assistance
 - Water Fluoridation Testing



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UTILITY ASSISTANCE

The significant challenges and special situations that tribes face in operating small rural water and wastewater systems warrant a field-based utility assistance program. In response, the IHS has developed a program to attract funding and to provide on-site training and technical assistance to meet the utility needs of tribes. This component of DEHS is focused to directly assist tribes with water and sewer systems.

INJURY PREVENTION

The goal of the Injury Prevention Program is to decrease injury morbidity and mortality among California Area Native American people to the lowest possible level. *Program emphases include:*

- Child Passenger Protection Program
- Smoke Detector Program
- Bike Helmet Program
- Injury Prevention Training
- Tribal Capacity Building